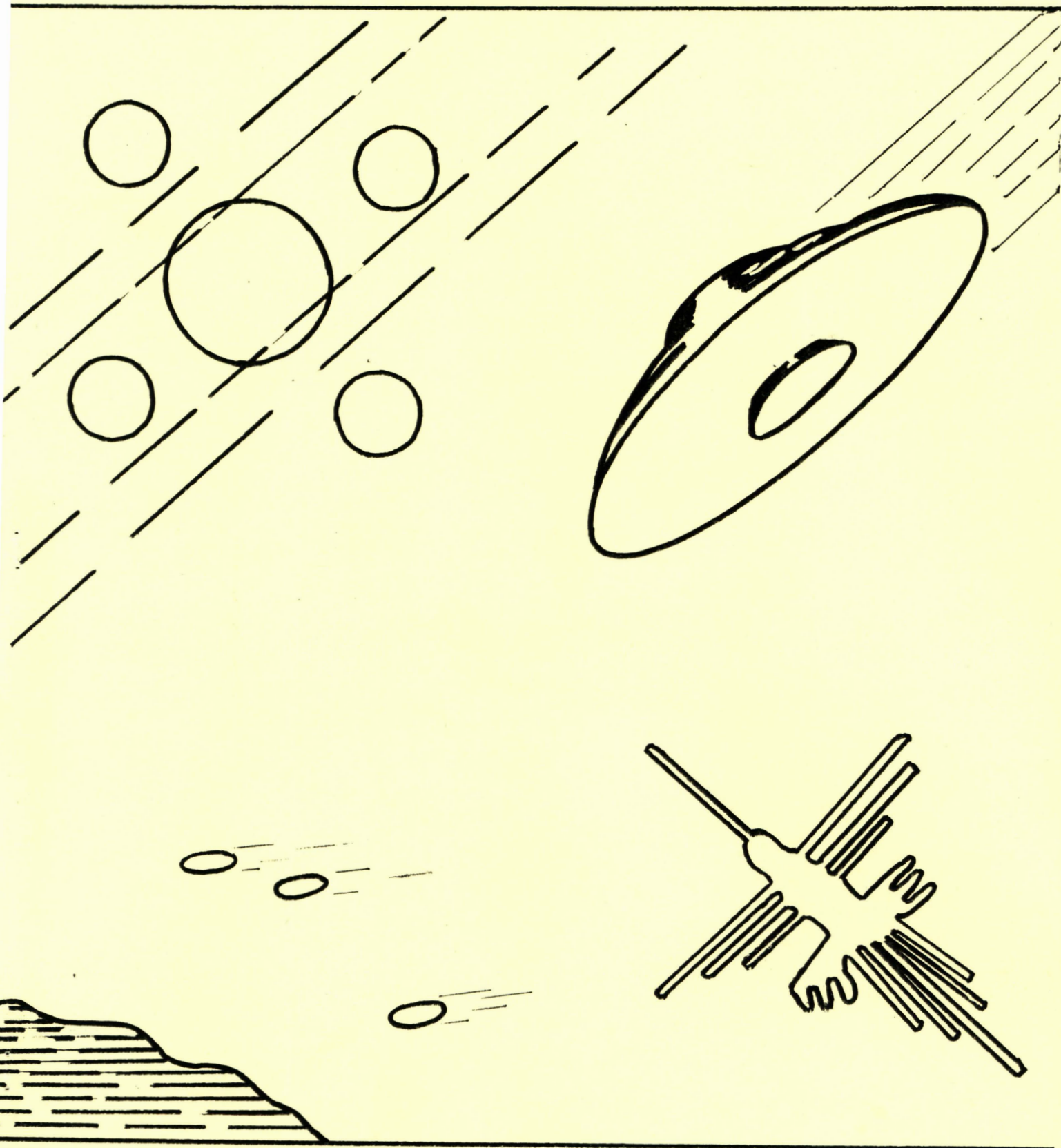


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THE LEEDS UFO & CROP CIRCLE CONFERENCE 14th SEPTEMBER

The Leeds conference, organised under the auspices of the "Quest International" group was held at the Civic Theatre, Leeds and attended by a widely based audience, including several members of our own PRA group.

It came at a critical time for the subject of "Crop Circles", after the exposure of hoaxes by "Doug and Dave" in the "Today" newspaper of Monday 9th September. It was the first public opportunity for Pat Delgado and Colin Andrews to repudiate the extravagant claims made by the newspaper.

By means of several new important pieces of evidence presented to the Conference, Colin and Pat Delgado systematically proved, that although the pair of hoaxers were probably responsible for a number of circles over the years, the phenomenon still remained and could not be ignored.

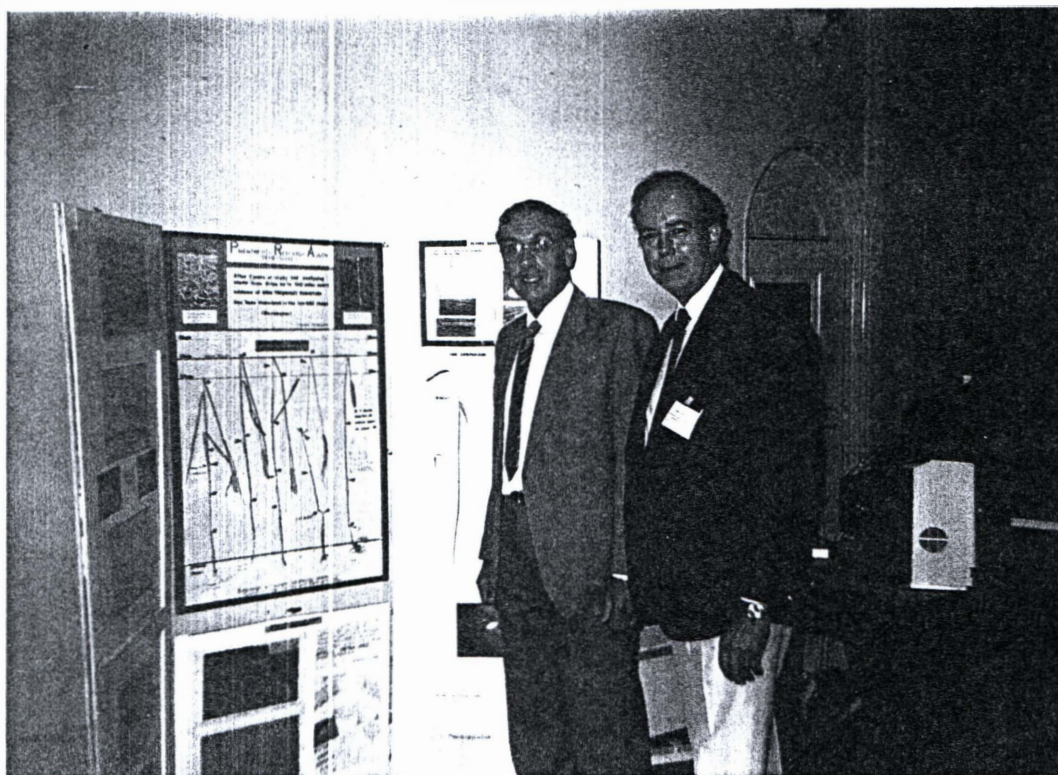
Several observations were made by Colin Andrews and Pat Delgado, namely:-

- (a) That the flattened plants inside genuine crop circles, not only continue to grow, but appear to be much healthier.
- (b) The stems of the crop are bent over and rarely broken. An interesting example is Oilseed Rape, which may grow up to 6' tall with a stem thickness of 1". The stem will snap easily if bent, but in circles, the rape stems bend over smoothly, without any sign of fracture.
- (c) Colour slides were shown of the crystalline structure change in cross sections of wheat taken from the inside and outside of the circles.
- (d) A tape recording of unusual "trilling" sounds picked up inside pictograms in Wiltshire was played to the Conference. Colin Andrews has kindly allowed our group to have a recording of the sounds, although it is copyright. This tape was played at the last "Stanley Club" meeting and will be played again on the 22nd Oct. when the main subject for discussion is "Crop Circles".

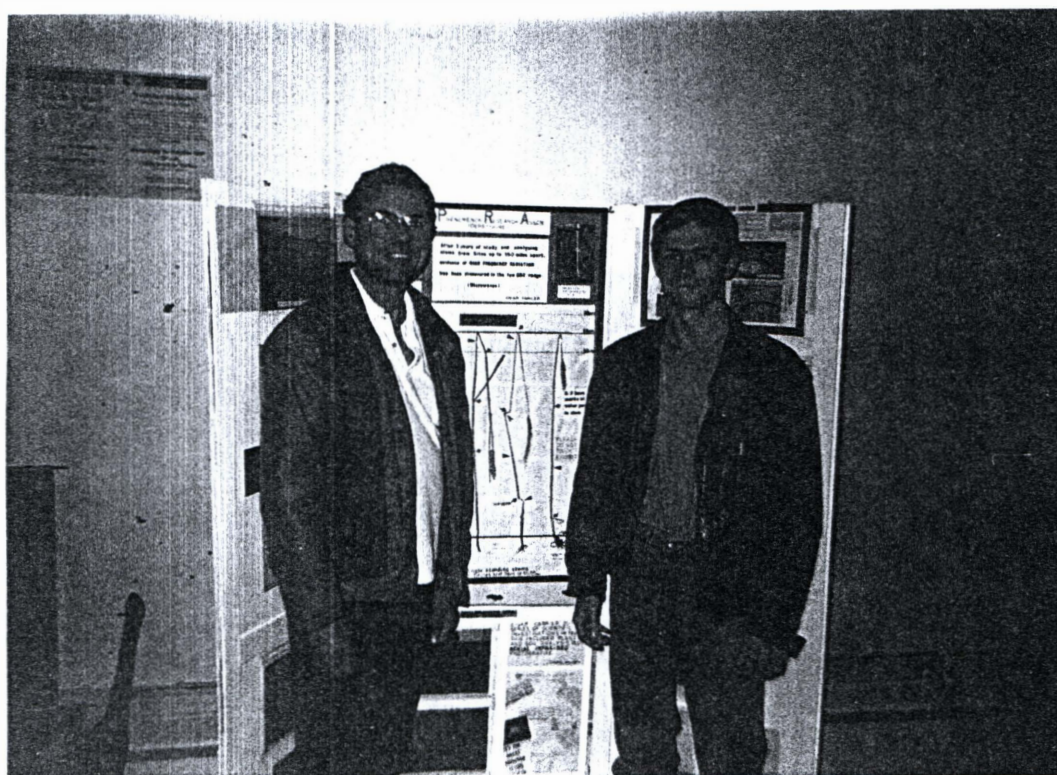
Colin Andrews also revealed that there is a video film in existence of a small silver disc seen travelling over a pictogram at Alton Barnes, Wiltshire. He was unable to show it to the audience, but we are hoping to obtain a copy from another source.

Editors Note: New "event" figures have recently been produced in the September issue of the CCCS magazine "The Circular". These have shown that even taking into account the total hoax circle figure claimed to have been manufactured by "Doug and Dave", we are still left with 1,610 crop circles yet to be explained!

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Pat Delgado and Omar Fowler view the PRA stand



PRA members Richard Servante and George Sabey

A CONTROVERSIAL CLAIM

Tony Dodd, a well known researcher for the Quest Group gave a fascinating up-date of events that have taken place in various parts of the World, including the U.K., Belgium, U.S.A., Russia and South Africa.

Tony related at some length, the story of a UFO picked up by South African military radar on the 7th of May 1989. The craft, travelling at a speed of 5,000mph was tracked as it approached the S.A. coast. Two Mirage jet fighters were scrambled to intercept the UFO, which did not resemble any known craft. It was challenged on the radio but did not respond to voice contact. The Mirage aircraft therefore treated it as hostile. (The Mirage Aircraft, of French design, had been modified by the S.A. Air Force and were armed with a type 42 laser-guided gun).

The UFO continued on its course and the leading Mirage aircraft intercepted the UFO and fired its laser-guided gun, hitting the UFO and causing it to lose height and to crash land in Botswana on the edge of the Kalahari Desert.

Tony Dodd continued with an account of events that followed, including a S.A.A.F. helicopter crashing and killing the crew. The crash was caused by the electrics failing on the helicopter as it approached the downed UFO. A land team was then sent, but the electrics also failed on their vehicles. Finally a team painted an (unknown) substance on the outside of the UFO which stopped the radiation from the object. The vehicle and two live aliens were recovered, taken to a secret base and ultimately picked up by American aircraft and taken to the Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

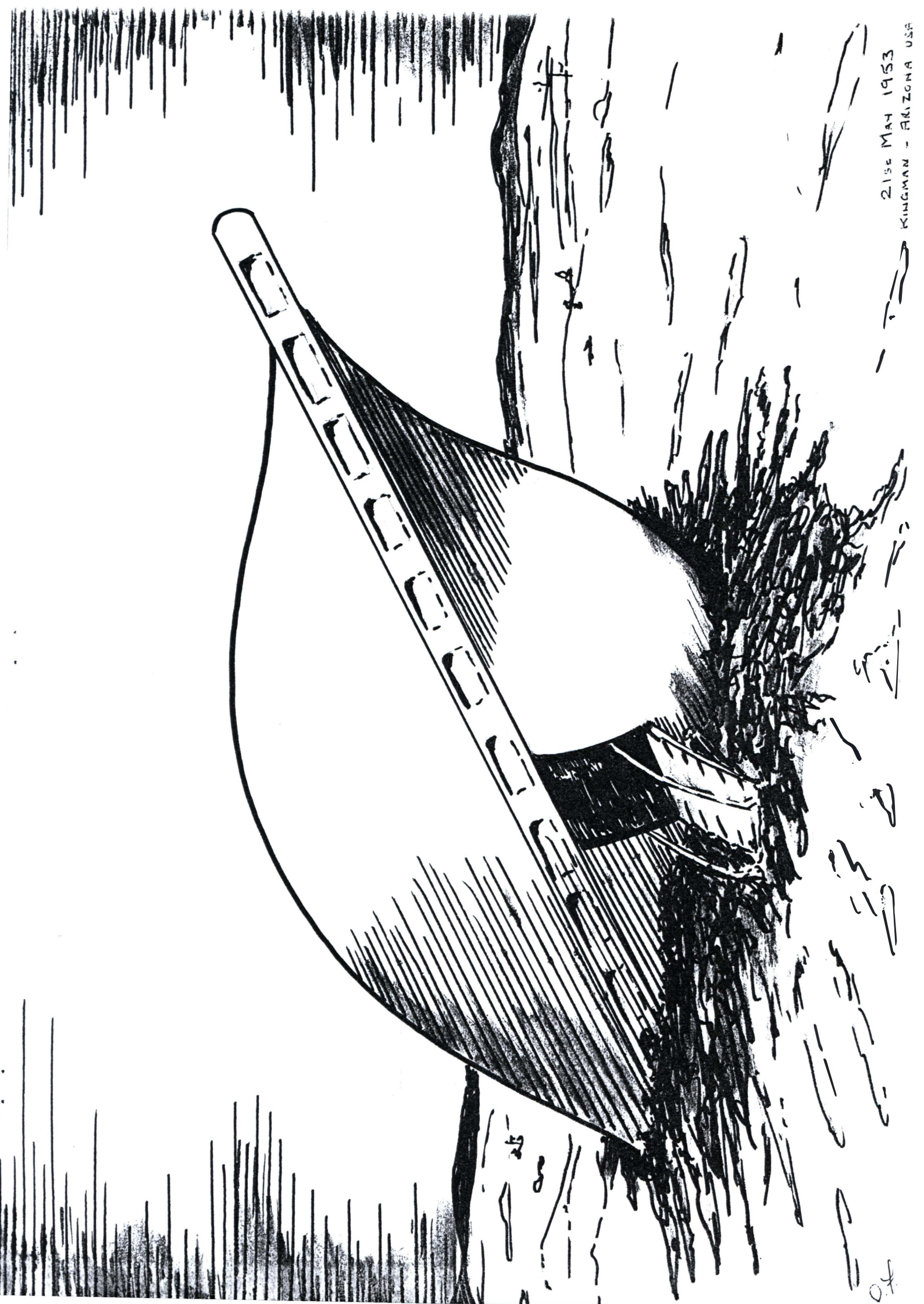
That is the story in brief, but it raises a number of questions.

(a) The Mirage and UFO were closing at speed of approx. 6,000mph. It appears that the S.A.A.F must have a weapons system more sophisticated than the American "Patriot" missile system, if they are capable of hitting a target approaching at that speed?

(b) PRA member Maurice Mitchell has pointed out that laser beam weapons currently fitted to military aircraft, are used purely in the air-to-ground attack mode. This is due partly to the difficulty in lining up the narrow beam and involves the aircraft in holding a steady course in order to obtain any accuracy. The time factor involved in a head-on approach at 6,000mph would make interception with a weapon of this type almost impossible. A radar guided air-to-air missile would have been a much better bet, but even then, the ease in which UFO's avoid our current weapon systems is well known.

Owing to shortage of newsletter space, we cannot pursue this incident in print, but will discuss it at the next meeting. More convincing was the account of a crashed UFO located in the Arizona desert on the 21st May 1953. See the drawing by Omar Fowler, based on a witnesses sketch.

Finally: Timothy Good gave an account of the many secret disclosures made in his book "Alien Liaison", including the claim that Aliens are participating in current American projects.



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CURRENT NEWS

The newly re-vamped "Unexplained" magazine includes an article on "The Crop Circle Controversy" in its issue Vol.1 Part 3 (October). Priced at £1.50, it carries the story and photographs of the "Doug and Dave" hoaxers (Today newspaper Sept. 9th). The subject is treated objectively and a well balanced account of the circle mystery has been produced. This issue also covers a number of old UFO cases, seen in previous issues (1980).

Thanks to PRA member Roy Swann, who spotted a story in the "Coalville Times", an investigation was made into the report of a twin circle "Dumbell" at Breedon-on-the-Hill, N.Leics.

The two page article "Magic Circle" was dated the 13th of September, noted on the 30th of September and investigated by Omar Fowler on the following day (1st October).

Mrs Dilks and her son Robin, were visited at their home, "Bramgate Farm". After studying the available photographs and listening to their story, the site of the circles was investigated.

The field, which is adjacent to a country road off the A447, was easily accessible. An open double gateway led into the field, which although now cleared of the wheat crop, still had the stubble remaining. The two circles (approx. 13'dia.) could be clearly seen. The combined harvester had cut into one and then stopped, the remaining circle was intact and uncut.

The circles appeared to be roughly made, without any visible swathes and the wheat stalks were mainly broken at ground level. Although the circles were formed on the night of the 23rd of August and had since been trampled by numerous sightseers, the floor pattern of the circles did not appear to be authentic. When part of the top floor wheat layer was raised, a section of crop could be seen pointing towards the centre of the circle. This gave the impression that a person could have walked to the centre initially, before laying down the wheat in a circular form and covering the entry track.

The circles were barely 50 yards in from the gate and only 8'-10' from the grass verge of the field. Entry to the circle area would have been quite easy, via the gateway by walking along the grass verge and then into the wheat.

Inspection of the ditch by the gate produced, two beer bottles and a whisky carton, plus a small fishing line box....CONCLUSION: A hoax. The circles appeared "off season", were badly formed, smaller than is usual, the stems were broken at the base and not bent, finally the field was easily accessible to the nearby road.

NEXT MEETING

Will be held at the Stanley Club, Stanley Common (A609) near Ilkeston, at 8pm on Tuesday 22nd October. Main theme for the evening will be a colour slide show of Crop Circles and a selected number of UFO cases from Surrey & Hampshire. Admission 50p non-members welcome.